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O those that are conversant in the Chronicles of *England*, it cannot be unknown after what manner this our Kingdom has been variously govern'd divers manner of Ways ; but before we come to speak of it Government unde Lords Justices, Protectors, and Regents, in the Absence of Kings beyond Sea, or in the Minority of young Princes, we shall take Notice how it was rul'd in the Time of *Heptarchy*, that is to say, when seven Kings divided the Land betwixt them. When *Julius Caesar* first conquer'd this Island, which he found ruled by *British* Monarchs, it then became in Subjection to the *Roman* Empire for above 400 Years ; at which time they being harrass'd with Wars at home by the *Goths* and *Vandals*, they were forc'd to leave the *Britons* to shift for themselves, against the *Picts* and *Scots*, their perpetual Enemies. Hereupon the Inhabitants sent for the *Saxons* to aid them ; who no sooner clear'd the Land of their Foes, but they took Possession themselves ; driving the *Britons* into *Wales*, and then divided the Nation into 7 Kingdoms, namely, *Kent*, which contain'd only that County : the *South Saxons*, containing the County of *Cornwal*, *Devonshire*, *Berkshire*, *Hampshire* and *Dorsetshire* ; the *East Saxons*, containing the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Essex* ; the *Northumbers*, containing the Counties of *Northumberland*, *Cumberland*, *Durham*, *Westmorland*, *Yorkshire* and *Lancashire* ; the *Mercia*, containg the Counties of *Rutland*, *Lin-*

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coln, Huntington, Leicester, Derby, Nottingham,
Oxford, Cheshire, Shropshire, Gloucestershire, Worces-
tershire, Staffordshire, Buckinghamshire, Warwick-
shire, Bedfordshire, and Hertfordshire; and the
East Angles, containing the Counties of Cambridge,
Norfolk and Suffolk. But at last, Egbert, King of
the West Saxons, subduing his neighbouring Prin-
ces, became sole Monarch of England in the Year
819. which was afterwards invaded by the
Danes: who had 3 Kings reign'd over it, till the
Saxon Line was restored again in King Edward
the Confessor, wh was the first crown'd Head that
ever cur'd the King's Evil. After his Decease
the Kingdom under the Normans by the Arms of
William the Conqueror; but after the Reign of 4
Kings, the Saxon Line was restor'd again in King
Henry the First, and so continued till Henry the
Fourth of the House of Lancaster came to the
Throne, in whose Family it continued 3 Reigns,
when Edward the Fourth, of the House of York,
took Possession of the Crown, in whose Line it
continued till Henry the Seventh, who marrying
the eldest Daughter of King Edward the Fourth,
the Families of the two Houses of York and Lan-
caster were united, and continued in the Line of
the Tudors, till the Demise of Queen Elizabeth.

But before we proceed any farther on Eng-
land, we shall take notice of Scotland, the first
King whercof was one Fergus, but James Stuart
King of Scotland by the Death of Queen Eliza-
beth

both coming to the Throne of *England*, these 2 Kingdoms were united, but the Union more firmly compleated in the Reign of the late Queen *ANNE*, after whose Demise it came to his vresent Majesty King *George*, who is now in the Dominions of *Hanover*. Moreover, we are to observe, that tho' *Ireland* has been in the Possession of the *English* for above 500 Years past, yet our Monarchs never still'd themselves any otherwise than Kings thereof, as being a Name more repleat with sacred Majesty. Also *Wales* has heretofore been a Kingdom, and has had Kings of their own, till it was subdu'd by the *English* and King *Edward* the First made it a Principality, by making his Son *Edward*, born at *Caernarvon*, Prince of *Wales*, a Title which is ever since given to the Eldest Sons of the Kings of *England*.

Next we shall proceed to the Kingdom of *France* now govern'd by *Lewis* the Fifteenth, at great a Prince in *Christendom*; and the Crown of this Nation is only hereditary in the Heirs Male, all Females being excluded by the *Salique Law*. The whole Kingdom is divided into 2 Governments; Over each Government is a set Governor, term'd the King's Lieutenant General or Superintendant, having the like Power as the Lords lieutenants of *England* had formerly in their several Counties. *Spain* is likewise govern'd by its own King, whose Government is monarchical,

monarchical, and Crown hereditary. This great Body of old was divided into many Kingdoms, but now all under one Monarch, who possesses many and vast Dominions, but more Title, in particular, that of Catholick Majesty.

The present Duke of Savoy, by the Treaty of Peace concluded at *Utrecht*, betwixt Great Britain and France in the late Reign, was made King of *Sicily*, an Island situated in the *Mediterranean* Sea formerly belonging to the King of Spain, and by the present King thereof was taken from him again; but how long he will maintain it, Time must produce, there being at this present a Contest for it betwixt him and the Emperor of Germany, who I think has made him King of *Sardinia*, another Island in the *Mediterranean* Sea, next to *Sicily* for Greatness, once a Carthaginian Colony, and where the Earth is more benign than the Heavens. It is about 45 German Miles long, and 26 in Breadth. Its chief Place is *Cagliari*, the Seat of the Vice-Roy, which hath a good Haven well frequented. Here is the Beast called *Musoli*, of whose Skin is made the right Cordovant Leather; and here also is the Herb, from whence comes the Proverb, *Risus Sardo-*

Since the year 1640, *Portugal*, which was formerly under Spain, is an independant Kingdom, govern'd by its own King, whose Government is truly monarchical, and Crown Hereditary, ever since

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since *John Duke of Braganza*, who, when he was made King thereof, was reckon'd to be the richest Subject in all *Europe*. The Elector or Duke at *Brandenburg*, was made King of *Prussia*, being a mighty powerful Prince, and was succeeded in the Kingdom by his Son, the present King thereof, who is married to a Daughter of the present King of *Great Britain*, by whom he has Issue surviving.

The large Body of *Poland* is govern'd by its own King, who is elective, and that by the Clergy and Nobility alone, the Commons having no Hand in it. His Government is term'd monarchical, but (if rightly consider'd) it's rather a real Aristocracy, the Nobility in their Elections having so limited the King's Power, that without their Consent in Council, he may neither make War, nor treat of Peace, nor do any thing of Importance, that concerns the Publick. The present King hereof is *Augustus*, Elector of *Saxony*, betwixt whom and *Stanislaus* has been great Competition for the Crown, sometimes one having it, and sometimes the other, but now the aforesaid *Augustus* is securely seated on the Throne.

The Kingdom of *Denmark* was formerly elective (altho' still they advance the next Heir to the Crown) until the Year 1759, that *Frederick the Third* having bravely repulsed the *Swedes*, besieging the capital City of *Copenhagen*, it was

was then render'd hereditary to the Family. The Nobility here have also a great Strok, yet notwithstanding this (they being most affectionate to their Prince) the Government is truly monarchical. The Inhabitants of this Country are of the Reformed Religion, according to the Doctrine of the *Lutheran Churches*, it being introduced by King *Frederick the First*, about the Year 1525, which was above 370 Years after that *Denmark* was fully established in the *Christian Religion*, by the means of Pope *Adrian IVth*, (an *Englishman* born in *Hertfordshire*) who, before his Assumption to the Popedom, was called *Nicholas Breakspear*.

Since by the unhappy and unfortunate Death of *Charles the Twelfth* in *Norway*, the Kingdom of *Sweden* is without a King, but is governed by his Sister *Ulrica Eleonora*, Queen thereof, we must be obliged to step as far as *Bohemia* to find out the 13th King, who is the present Emperor of *Germany*. This People were governed by Duke still about the Year 1086, when *Vratislavus* or *Vladislavus* was created the first King of *Bohemia*. In a Diet at *Mentz*, by the Emperor *Henry the Fourth*, about the Year 1129, Power was given to the States to choose their Princes, before being elected by the Grace of the Emperor; since which time the Kingdom continued elective, though most commonly enjoyed by the next of Blood, until the Royal Line being extinct, the Kingdom

Kingdom was devolved upon the House of *Austria Elizabeth*, Sister to King — the First was married to *Frederick*, Prince Palatine of the *Rhine*, from the *High Dutch Psaltzgraff*, that is *Palatii Comes*; was born the 22d of December at *Heidleberg* and afterwards at the Age of 3 or 4 Years, conveyed thence into the Countries of *Wittenberg* and *Brandenburg* then into *Holland*; and at the *Hague*, and at the University of *Leyden*, was educated in a princely Manner: At the Age of 11 Years came into *England*, was created a Knight of the Garter, and about two Years after, fought a Battle at *Uolter* in *Westphalia*. In the Year 1637, passing *incognito* through *France*, to take Possession of *Brisac* upon the *Rhine*, which the Duke of *Saxon Weymar* intended to deliver up unto him, together with the Command of his Army, he was by the quick sighted Cardinal *Richlieu* discover'd at *Moulins* and thence sent back Prisoner to the *Bois de Vincennes*, where after 23 Years Imprisonment, he was by the Mediation of the King of Great Britain, set at Liberty.

Thus have we gone thro' an Account of the 13 Kings, which at this time are governing the grand Affairs of both Church and State in their several Provinces, and tho' they do differ in Points of their Religion, yet are they much concurring in Civil Matters of *Politicks*.